TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SECOND COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION, 1101.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

Tuesday, 20th April, 1926/8th Medam, 1101.

The Deputy President took the chair at 11-38 of the clock.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12* —

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Scheme re Improvement of Forest Communications.

202. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to the statement made by the Dewan in February 1924 at the twentieth session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly under the head 'Forest' *viz.*, "Vacillation should be avoided and a definite programme of improvements to communications should be drawn up with courage and promptitude," will the Government be pleased to state whether any programme has been drawn up, and, if so, to place the same on the table?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): A settled programme has been accepted and every year a considerable amount of money is being spent in improving waterways to facilitate the transport of timber, as it is found to be the best and cheapest method. Wherever the improvement of rivers is not possible, new roads are gradually being opened and old ones improved.

Improvement of Forest Communications.

203. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Realising that the steady expansion and improvement of communications in forest areas will alone remove the defect of delivering

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